

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A hand-held ballistic shield, comprising:  
  
a shield having a front face and a reverse face and formed of a ballistic material;  
  
a viewing window through the shield;  
  
a handle associated with the shield for carrying the shield or holding the shield in front of  
  
at least a portion of a user's body;  
  
a frame for mounting a firearm attached to the shield; and  
  
a firearm mounted to the shield and dischargeably operable when so mounted and when  
said shield is held by said handle in front of at least a portion of said user's body, wherein  
  
said firearm is mounted for discharge in a direction at an angle outwardly from the front  
  
face of the shield.
2. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, wherein the firearm is selected from the  
  
group consisting of: taser guns, pistols, revolvers, gas discharge firearms.
3. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, wherein the ballistic material is selected  
  
from the group consisting of: boron carbide, silicon carbide, silicon nitride, aluminum  
  
oxide, alumina ceramic, titanium diboride, reinforced fiberglass composite, reinforced  
  
fiber and polymer resin composite, and mixtures of such materials.
4. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, wherein the viewing window is formed  
  
from a material selected from the group consisting of: bullet proof glass and  
  
polycarbonate polymer.
5. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, wherein the handle is a forearm cuff.

6. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, wherein the firearm is a taser gun , and further comprising a battery mounted to the shield for charging the taser gun.
7. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, further comprising a disabling sensor to disable the firearm in response to a predetermined signal or a predetermined absence of a signal.
8. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, wherein the firearm is mounted so that it discharges in a direction substantially perpendicular to the front face of the shield.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, further comprising a second firearm mounted to the shield.
11. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 10, wherein the second firearm is mounted so that it discharges in a direction substantially parallel to the rear face of the shield.
12. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, further comprising a second weapon mounted to the rear face of the shield.
13. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, further comprising one or more communications accessories mounted to the shield.
14. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 13, wherein the communications accessories are selected from the group consisting of: radio, camera, digital camera, video camera, cellular phone, cellular video, audio speaker, megaphone, homing signaling device, and global positioning transponder.
15. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, further comprising one or more mirrors associated with the viewing window to extend the field of vision through said viewing window.

16. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, further comprising one or more light sources mounted to the shield.

17. (Original) The ballistic shield of claim 1, wherein shield is employable and the firearm is dischargeable with a single arm operation.

18. (Previously Presented) A portable ballistic shield, comprising:

a shield having a front face and a reverse face and formed of a ballistic material;

a viewing window through the shield;

a handle associated with the shield for carrying the shield or holding the shield in front of a user's body;

a frame for mounting a firearm attached to the shield; and

a firearm mounted to the shield and dischargeably operable when so mounted, wherein said firearm is mounted for discharge in a direction at an angle outwardly from the front face of the shield;

a second firearm mounted to the shield and dischargeably operable when so mounted, wherein said second firearm is mounted so as to discharge in a direction that is different from a discharge direction of said first firearm;

one or more light sources mounted to the shield; and

a disabling sensor to disable the firearms in response to a predetermined signal or a predetermined absence of a signal.

19. (Currently Amended) A hand-held ballistic shield, comprising:

a shield having a front face and a reverse face and formed of a ballistic material;  
a means for viewing through the shield;  
a means for carrying or holding the shield in front of at least a portion of a user's body;  
a means for mounting ~~mounting~~ a firearm to the shield; and  
a firearm mounted to the shield and dischargeably operable when so mounted and when said shield is held in front of at least a portion of the user's body, wherein said firearm is mounted for discharge in a direction at an angle outwardly from the front face of the shield.

20. (Currently Amended) The hand-held ballistic shield of claim 19, wherein said means for viewing through the shield comprises a window; said means for carrying or holding the shield comprises a handle; and said means for mounting ~~mounting~~ a firearm comprises a frame.